

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Introduction of the V-22 to Second Marine Aircraft Wing**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the introduction of the V-22 to Second Marine Aircraft Wing. Four public scoping meetings will be held. Agencies and the public are invited to provide written comments.

DATES: All written comments must be received no later than September 21, 1998. Public Meeting dates are as follows:

1. August 31, 1998, from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Atlantic Elementary School, Atlantic, North Carolina;
2. September 1, 1998, from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Pollocksville Elementary School on Trenton Street, Pollocksville, North Carolina;
3. September 2, 1998, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Onslow County Public Library, 58 Doris Avenue East, Jacksonville, North Carolina;
4. September 3, 1998, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Havelock Elementary School on Cunningham Boulevard, Havelock, North Carolina.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, statements and/or questions regarding scoping issues should be addressed to: Commander, Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1510 Gilbert Street, Norfolk, VA, 23511-2699 (Attention: Mr. Jim Haluska, Code 203).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Haluska, (757) 322-4889, fax (757) 322-4894, email haluskjd@efdlant.navfac.navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The V-22 aircraft, known as the Osprey, represents a new technology in military aviation. This aircraft utilizes tilt-rotary technology to enable it to operate like a rotary-wing aircraft and a fixed-wing aircraft. The V-22 will replace the CH-46E and CH-53D rotary-wing aircraft. Accordingly, its primary mission will be to support Fleet Marine Expeditionary Force training and operations. The first aircraft is scheduled to be delivered to the Marine Corps in 2000 and delivery of the final aircraft is scheduled in 2014.

The Marine Corps intends to introduce the V-22 to the Second Marine Corps Aircraft Wing first, then introduce it to the Third Marine Aircraft Wing and First Marine Aircraft Wing.

Delivery of V-22 to Second Marine Air Wing is scheduled to begin in 2000 and be complete in 2006. Introduction of the V-22 to Third and First Marine Air Wings would commence after introduction to the Second Marine Air Wing is complete.

The proposal being evaluated in this EIS is the basing of six squadrons of fleet V-22 aircraft to the Second Marine Aircraft Wing. Also, this proposal includes the establishment of a Fleet Replacement Squadron, which would provide training for all military pilots. This proposal includes construction of facilities to accommodate the aircraft, equipment and personnel. Finally, the proposal includes the use of existing outlying fields and airspace for military aircraft in support of training.

The primary mission of the V-22 in Second Marine Aircraft Wing will be to support medium-lift requirements of Second Marine Expeditionary Force training and operations. Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Lejeune is the home of the Second Marine Expeditionary Force. Accordingly, alternatives to be considered in the EIS are all Department of Defense aviation facilities within the operational radius (300 miles) of the V-22 from MCB Camp Lejeune.

Alternatives identified so far include Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River, MCAS Cherry Point, MCAS Beaufort, Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico, Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, NAS Norfolk, Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base (AFB), and Langley AFB. Additional alternatives discovered during preparation of the EIS will be evaluated appropriately.

To focus the EIS analysis to those alternatives that are reasonable, a screening criteria will be used. These criteria include compatibility of MV-22 operations with existing aviation operations, proximity to MCB Camp Lejeune, availability of existing facilities to support aircraft, equipment and personnel, and proximity to existing outlying landing fields.

Environmental issues identified thus far to be addressed in the EIS include: geological resources, biological resources, water resources, noise, air quality, land use compatibility, cultural resources, socioeconomic, environmental justice, public health and safety, transportation/circulation, aesthetics, utilities, hazardous materials, and solid waste.

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Duncan Holaday,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Facilities).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment